(a) whether new Chairmen of Air India and Indian Airlines have recently been appointed;

(b) if so, what are their names; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons for the delay in making the appointments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Consequent upon the resignation of Capt. A. N. Kapur as part-time Chairman of Air India and Indian Airlines, Government have appointed the Secretary, Civil Aviation as part-time Chairman of the two airlines, in addition to his duties, w.e.f. the 4th of December, 1985.

दिल्ली-कानपुर और दिल्ली-आगरा रेल-पथ

2362. **श्री अश्विनी कुमार :**
श्री कैलाशपति मिश्र :

क्या परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दिल्ली-कानपुर और दिल्ली-आगरा रेलपथ को 200 कि० मी० प्रति घंटे की गति से यातायात के लिए तैयार करने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इन योजनाओं पर अब तक की प्रगति का ब्योरा क्या है और इस उद्देश्य के लिए 1985-86 तथा 1987-88 के वर्षों के लिए क्या क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किए गए हैं ?

रेल विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री माधव राव सिन्धिया) : (क) और (ख) दिल्ली और आगरा/कानपुर के बीच अधिक रफ्तार की गाड़ियां चलाने की व्यावहारिकता की जांच करने के लिए सर्वेक्षण कार्य शीघ्र ही शुरू करने की योजना बनायी गई है

New coach designs for Kapurthala coach factory

2363. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new technology in place of old ICF design is being introduced in the Kapurthala coach factory; and

(b) if so, what are the main features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) It is proposed to import new technology for coach design and manufacture. The coach factory now being set up at Kapurthala will initially manufacture coaches to existing designs and adopt the modern technology for subsequent production of Coaches.

(b) The modern Coaches are expected to embody the latest features in light-weight design, suspension, braking, air conditioning, corrosion prevention and passenger comfort.

Water Supply in Bhopal

2364. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the daily 'Navbharat' of the 24th January, 1986, published from Bhopal under the caption 'Bhopal Ke Pani Mein Mic Ka Jahar';

(b) if so, what information has been collected by Government in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that urine of patients admitted in the hospitals of Bhopal, still is found to contain theocyanite which is due to water being supplied in Bhopal; and

(d) whether Government propose to conduct fresh scientific tests of water being supplied there?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (d) Government are aware of the news report. In many of the

patients admitted in the hospitals earlier or attending OPD for a greater part of the year 1985, there were elevated levels of urinary thiocymate excration. However, analysis of the data at periodic intervals indicated a general declining trend both after Sodium Thiosulphate and with the lapse of time. In addition, the analysis conducted by Indian Council of Medical Research revealed that the thiocynate level in the tap waters and lake water of Bhopal is well within the safe limits.

Use of Hindi in Air India

2365. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of letters written in Hindi by Air India during the years 1984 and 1985 separately; and

(b) the steps Government have taken to promote Hindi in Air India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) During the year 1984—2047

During the year 1985—1962

(b) Air India is endeavouring to implement the provisions of the Official Languages Act, 1963 (as amended) and also the Official Languages (Use for Official purposes of the Union) Rules, 1976 and various other instructions issued by the Central Government for progressive use of the Official Language. A time-bound programme is prepared every year to introduce Hindi progressively in day-to-day official working. Necessary arrangements for teaching Hindi to non-Hindi knowing employees are made and cash incentives are given to those who pass such examinations. Hindi Workshop Training Programmes are conducted regularly for the benefit of Hindi knowing employees and they are urged to do their official work in Hindi.

Setting up of a joint sector regional airlines

2366. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a joint sector regional airlines; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Quantum of drugs imported from Italy during the last two years

2367. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of drugs imported from Italy during the last two years, yearwise details, both in terms of money and category of drugs;

(b) what are the reasons for increase or decrease in import of drugs from that country during the last two years; and

(c) whether these imported drugs are freely available in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

गंज बासोदा स्टेशन पर शेड का निर्माण

2368. **श्री प्यारे लाल खंडेलवाल :** क्या परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मध्य रेलवे के 'गंज बासोदा' स्टेशन के प्लेटफार्म नं० 2